

TREE ADVISORY BOARD
VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING

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MEMBERS: TONY BARDES; CHARLES DAY; KORY RIESTERER; GORDON ROBERTSON; JENNIFER ZWARICH

8/31/2016

MEETING MINUTES

7:30pm Village Hall

Present: Tony Bardes, Charles Day, Kory Riesterer, Jennifer Zwarich

Absent: Gordon Robertson

Summary:

TAB convened at 7:38pm

1. Motion passed and 7/27/16 minutes approved 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

2. JZ reported VBOT approved Tree Service/Contractor Application with only minor feedback (deleting the section "and approval of the applicant by the Village" from the first line). CSTAB may now proceed with noticing papers, announcing on fb, and sending to current list of tree companies. A fuller list of qualified contractors is the goal of this process. It was noted village wants to bid out work in bundles rather than for individual trees.
3. Update on current pruning priority list: the four priority trees will now go out for bid as a group to TAB's current temp list of tree companies.
4. New street tree plantings and current condition update discussed next. Trees at Boat Club property not looking great. JZ will follow up with contracted firm to get their 1 year plant guarantee in writing. They are responsible for watering/tree care in first year. Also discussed that since no building will replace old boat club for now, club wants to possibly beautify a strip of the property with more plantings. CSTAB will possibly advise/collaborate. G. Robertson has been contact person with boat club.
5. Miscellaneous updates:
 - a) September 28 will be next meeting, with expected visit by Highlands Garden Club representative.
 - b) TAB also discussed briefly need to move Richard Shea trees behind Haldane HS this fall and find locations for them etc.
 - c) T. Bardes noted that new house on corner of Cedar/Main appears to have a front walkway heading directly towards village Yew hedge. JZ will check with building to try to ensure open communication in the event the property owner wants to discuss village trees. TAB discussed its relation to updating Village Tree Code/need for an enforcement officer etc.
6. Main Street sidewalk project improvement zone discussed at length. J. Zwarich circulated draft schematic of Zone 1 for input. She also noted that a local landscape architect with green stormwater management experience has agreed to meet with her to give feedback/input.

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Tree pits will be 10 ft wide with plants in pits. Possibly permeable pavers will be in between tree pits. Options for pavers include: bluestone & gravel, Verico (reclaimed composite rubber), grass pavers and brick. Runoff/erosion issue discussed as there have been signs of erosion already in two specific improvement zones along Main. Zone 1 site in front of Cathryn's has space for 2 trees (or 1 small tree and 1 large shrub). C. Day will research tree options. J. Zwarich will research cost per square ft for pavers and G. Robertson will revise cost estimate for tree pit borders given change in original design.

Issues raised: T. Bardes concerned with permeable pavers and weeds – fearing that chemicals will be used to control weeds it will be channeled directly to tree roots. He also noted shoe heels can get stuck in holes so size of holes important. Icing salt also easily permeates and this is a heavy salt area along Main Street. T. Bardes recommends using Safe Step product (potassium chloride) in place of salt. He also noted need to update our list of acceptable plants for tree pits when/if merchants want to beautify. TAB members all agreed.

TAB also agreed J. Zwarich would speak to Mayor and merchants to begin process of starting phase 1 draft plan. Once complete, subsequent phases can be scheduled and fundraised for.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Correspondence

10. Public Comment: none.

Motion to adjourn meeting passed at 8:49 pm.